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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of the)
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Section 63.71 Application of WorldCom, Inc.)
on behalf of its subsidiaries,)
WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc.)
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214)
of the Communications Act of 1934,)
as Amended, to Discontinue)
the Provision of Wireless Service)

WC-02-215

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom), on behalf of its subsidiaries, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., hereby seeks authorization pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to initiate a discontinuance, effective on or about September 20, 2002, of WorldCom's offering of resold wireless services carried on the Verizon Wireless Network.¹

With respect to the services to be discontinued, WorldCom Wireless and MCI Wireless are considered non-dominant subsidiaries of WorldCom, a non-dominant provider of competitive telecommunications services. WorldCom requests authority to discontinue resold wireless service to approximately 275,000 customers whose service is carried on the Verizon Wireless Network in the following markets: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut,

¹ Under the Commission's rules, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers are not required to seek authority to discontinue service. 47 C.F.R. §20.15(b)(3). Thus, WorldCom files this application both out of an

Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington, Wyoming, and Washington, D.C. The decision to exit the wireless communications services business will not impact any other service that these or any other customers currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

WorldCom is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom will not be able to provide wireless service carried on the Verizon Wireless Network to customers after September 20, 2002. Substitute services are available from other CMRS providers, as well as Verizon Wireless, in the relevant regions. Thus, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of resold wireless service in these states.

Over a two-week period, beginning August 5, 2002 and ending August 16, 2002, customers will be sent notification of intent to discontinue service, the text of which is attached as Attachment 1. WorldCom is also providing customers with a toll-free customer assistance number for purposes of addressing any questions or concerns that may arise during the withdrawal transition period.

A copy of this application has been submitted to the Secretary of Defense and the Public Utility Commission and Governor of each state in which the discontinuance is proposed.

In support of this Application, WorldCom hereby provides the following information as required under section 63.71(a):

1. Name and Address of Carrier:

overabundance of caution and to give our customers substantially greater notice than is required by the Commission's rules.

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2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance:

September 20, 2002

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington, Wyoming, and Washington, D.C.

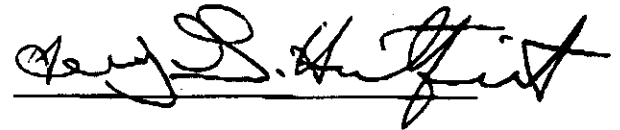
4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected:

Wireless Resale

For the foregoing reasons, WorldCom, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiaries, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., respectfully requests, pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214 and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, that the Commission approve this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

WORLD COM, INC.



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Dated: August 13, 2002

Attachment 1

{Bill To Name}
{Billing Address}

August 5, 2002
Account Number {xxxxxxxxxxxx}

Dear {Bill-To Name}:-

As you may have already heard, WorldCom Wireless is in the process of exiting the business of providing wireless communication services. As a result, WorldCom Wireless will not be able to provide wireless service to you following September 20, 2002. The decision to exit the wireless communications services business will not impact any other service that you currently receive from WorldCom, MCI or any of our other affiliates.

While you've been a WorldCom Wireless customer, we used the Verizon Wireless Network as the underlying network to provide your wireless service. We are pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with Verizon Wireless that may allow you to maintain your existing phone number and transition your wireless service with as little interruption as possible.

Our priority is to ensure you have a smooth and seamless transition to Verizon Wireless. To obtain service from Verizon Wireless and request to maintain your existing wireless phone number, you must call Verizon Wireless at 800-298-7908. Your service with Verizon Wireless will be subject to a credit check and to entering into a new service agreement with Verizon Wireless. During the transition process, you may experience an interruption in service as brief as a few minutes, but in some cases this disruption may occur for up to 48 hours. However, during this transition period, your phone can still be used to place 911 calls. You may also decide to select another wireless service provider, though you will not be able to maintain your current phone number if you do so.

Verizon Wireless welcomes the opportunity to provide you wireless service by offering a wide selection of rate plans to meet your calling needs and many other advantages. In addition, we are confident you will enjoy Verizon Wireless' "Worry Free Guarantee," a unique approach to ensuring customer satisfaction.

Please be advised that your wireless services will continue to be provided and billed by WorldCom Wireless through the earlier of (a) the date you request WorldCom Wireless to cancel your service or (b) September 20, 2002. You will receive up to two additional invoices from WorldCom Wireless that will require prompt payment to WorldCom Wireless. Additionally, any billing or service questions prior to transitioning to Verizon Wireless should be directed to WorldCom Wireless customer service at 1-800-254-8991.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the section 63.71 application of WorldCom, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

All of us at WorldCom Wireless wish to thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

WorldCom Wireless

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Barbara E. Nowlin, hereby certify that on this 13th day of August, 2002, copies of this **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** were sent to the following:

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